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Strange and Bloody

NEWS FROM FETTER-LANE

Being a True Relation of the

MURDER

OF

Percy Wiseman, Esq;

OF

ESSEX

At the *Golden-Lyon Tavern*, on *Wednesday* the 10*th.* of *December*, 1684

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THough the *Laws of God* have so strictly forbidden the the shedding of Man's *Blood*; and the *Laws of Man* so severely punish the Sanguinary Offender; yet *Murders* of late have been so frequent, as if one was the propagation of another, and the Grave no less fruitful than the Womb. When once Rage and Fury have usurp'd the Government and dethron'd our Reason and more considerate thoughts, like Tyrants they sway without controul, and hurry us into the Commission of those violent Actions which we may too late repent, but are never able to repair.

If the Stars have any influence over the Temperament of our Bodies, as the learned would perswade us to believe, certainly the

the madneſs and fury of *Oreſtes* has poſſeſs'd the Heads of thoſe Criminals, who kill Men of late as *Caligula* did *Flyes*, for diverſion, or deſign'd a Reputation from the Crime, and he only was the true Gallant of the Town, *Who bears his Arms in a Field of Blood* : but I proceed.

On *Wedneſday* the 10*th*. of this Inſtant *December John Brampſton* Eſq ; and *Percy Wiſeman* Eſq ; both Gentlemen of good Eſtates and Quality in the County of *Eſſex*, as intimate and particular Friends din'd together, and in the Evening, came to the *Golden-Lyon Tavern* in *Fetter-Lane*, where they met ſeveral other Gentlemen of their Acquaintance, and ſpent the Evening with all the expreſſions of reſpect and endearment to each other. The reſt of the company having taken their leave, they continued in diſcourſe, and having adjuſted the Reckoning reſolved upon another Bottle, and fillip'd up Croſs and Pile with a Sixpence who ſhould pay for it, which falling to Mr. *Wiſemans* Lot, he began to queſtion the fairneſs of it, upon which a diſpute aroſe, and after ſome hot expreſſions on both ſides, Mr. *Wiſeman* who was always known to be of a chollerick haſty Temper, drew upon Mr. *Brampſton*, and in the diſpute received a ſmall Wound under the right Breaſt ; upon which he immediately drop'd, and ſaid he was a dead man : Mr. *Brampſton* catched him in his arms, and by the aſſiſtance of the Drawer placed him in a *Chair*, and unbuttoning his coat in ſearch of the wound, found a ſmall Orifice under his right Pap, and by ſucking of it endeavoured to make it bleed, which when he could not effect, he went a way with all poſſible haſt to a *Chyrurgeon*, and at this Return found him paſt all recovery by humane Art, and preſently after Mr. *Wiſeman Expir'd*. Had the Orifice of the wound been larger, that Nature could *have* evacuated the blood by it, it might have been a means to preſerve his life; but bleeding inwardly he was preſently ſuffocated. Mr. *Brampſton* continued in the houſe, not in the leaſt offering to eſcape, and when the *Conſtable* came rendered himſelf up his Priſoner, & with the moſt pathetical expreſſions lamented his misfortune, and the unhappy fate of his friend.

The *Coroner* Impanell'd a *Jury* from the Neighbourhood, who adjourn'd to *Friday* the 12*th*. of this Inſtant, to meet at 5 in the Evening when they will bring in their Virdict.

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